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Registration Period Approaching for Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) in Catawba County

This year's application period for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) in Catawba County will be from November 5th through November 16th. LIEAP provide a one-time payment in early February to help eligible households with their heating costs. Households must apply each year during the application period in order to qualify.

To qualify, a household must; apply during the application period, have at least one U.S. citizen or eligible alien, have monthly income at or below 110% of the poverty level, have reserve funds at or below \$2200, and must be responsible for its heating bills. LIEAP budgets are calculated based on income for the month of October each year. Applicants must be prepared to provide check stubs for all household members for the entire month of October 2007. Verification must be provided for social security numbers, birthdates, and immigration status for all members of the applying household. Applicants must also verify the type of heat used in the household. For those living in public housing where heat cost are included in the rent, applicants must provide verification that the household has paid an excess toward heating costs at that address within the last 12 months.

Applications will be taken at the following locations:

Catawba County Social Services (behind Catawba VMC)	Nov. 5 – 9 th , 8am – 5pm
Eastern Coop. Christian Ministries - Newton	Nov. 12 – 16 th , 8am – 5pm
Heritage Village – Newton	Nov. 5 th from 9:30am – 1pm
Highland United Methodist Church – Hickory	Nov. 6 th from 9:30am – noon
Morningstar Baptist Church – Hickory	Nov. 6 th from 9:30am – noon
Maiden Recreation Center – Maiden	Nov. 7 th from 9:30am – noon
Catawba United Methodist Church – Catawba	Nov. 8 th from 9:30am – noon
	Nov. 9 th from 9:30am – noon

Interpretation services will be provided at no charge for those who do not speak English, are deaf, are hard of hearing, or are deaf/blind.

Income limits for 2007 are:

Number in Household	Maximum Countable Income
1	\$936
2	\$1,255
3	\$1,574
4	\$1,893
5	\$2,212
6	\$2,531
7	\$2,850

For more information, please contact Catawba County Social Services at (828) 695-5600.